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SUBJECT: MILAN PSI AND PCI CONDEMN CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESSION

1. MILAN SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS HAVE GONE ON RECORD
CONDEMNING CZECH GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AGAINST SIGNERS OF
CHARTA 77.

2. MILAN PSI MAYOR CARLO TOGNOLI STARTED BALL ROLLING AGAINST
CZECH AUTHORITIES WITH JANUARY 16 LETTER TO MAYOR OF
PRAGUE EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER ARRESTS OF PETITION SIGNERS.
PCI MILAN PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT ROBERTO VITALI WEIGHED IN
NEXT, ON HIS AND PROVINCIAL GIUNTA'S BEHALF, WITH
EXPRESSION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE "WHO WANT TO OVERCOME
THE OBSTACLES THAT ARE SLOWING DOWN THE EVOLUTION OF
DEMOCRACY IN THEIR SOCIETY." FINALLY, PCI LOMBARDY REGIONAL
GROUP LEADER LUIGI MARCHI ADDRESSED LETTER TO PSI LOMBARFY
REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT SERGIO MERVELLI ATTACKING
ILLEGAL RESTRICTIONS IN FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN
CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ASKING MERVELLI FOR REGIONAL
COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR THOSE BEING PERSECUTED. MERVELLI,
IN TURN, OPENED JANUARY 20 REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH
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STATEMENT OF HIS OWN ON SUBJECT.

3. MILAN SOCIALISTS HAVE TOLD US CZECH AFFAIR IS
EMBARRASSMENT TO PCI COLLEAGUES, WHO DENOUNCED CZECH
GOVERNMENT ACTION ONLY BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T DO OTHERWISE
AFTER SOCIALISTS TOOK LOCAL INITIATIVE. IMPORTANT MILAN
CGIL LEADER TOLD US JANUARY 21 THAT PCI MILAN LEADERSHIP

WAS IN AGREEMENT THAT CZECH GOVERNMENT IN WRONG BUT PCI
RANK AND FILE FEEL DIFFERENTLY.

4. WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVATIONS, PCI IN MILAN AND LOMBARDY
HAS GONE ON RECORD AS CRITICAL OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
GOVERNMENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON OBSERVANCE OF HUMANRIGHTS.FINA

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